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## Glen Miller Hall dedication



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Alan Caldwell, CMN Culture Institute director, unveiled the portrait of the late Glen Miller to be displayed in the hall named in his honor. At right is Janice Rabideaux, who created the stunning likeness of the former tribal leader.

By Mike Wilber  
MNN Reporter

The College of the Menominee Nation officially dedicated its current campus facility in Keshena the "Glen Miller Hall" in honor of the late Menominee tribal leader.

Menominee contractors involved in the construction of the recent addition to the college were also recognized and three area corporate donors were honored at a reception held at CMN's technology center on Jan. 21.

Corn's Electric of Keshena, Roger Corn, owner; Retail Lumber and Supply of Shawano, Tevis Zillman, manager; and the Wolf River Trading Post of Keshena, Leon Fowler, manager, con-

tributed to the CMN endowment fund. The Trading Post was acknowledged for providing a rent-free building to the college in its early days in 1993.

This was the first annual fundraising campaign for the college, and they hope to gather even more support in the coming years.

"They sent out flyers asking for

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## Applications accepted until Feb. 10 for Bone Marrow Drive

By Yvonne M. Kaquatosh  
MNN Editor

The Community Blood Center, a regional facility based in Appleton will be providing collection kits to the Menominee Tribal Clinic for the purpose of testing potential bone marrow donors who have expressed an interest in helping Teri Stenglein in her search for a bone marrow match.

Mr. Dave Hoffman, Medical Technologist at the Menominee Tribal Clinic indicated that applications will be accepted until 4:30

p.m. on Wednesday, February 10 in the clinic's lab department. Interested participants may also call 799-5468 or 5469 to leave your name, address and telephone number so the necessary paperwork can be sent to you.

Appointments will be scheduled for the donors to be drawn at the Menominee Tribal Clinic after the paperwork has been sent back to the Community Blood Center in Appleton.

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## MISD Parent Power Workshop

By: Barbara Witt  
3rd Grade Teacher Keshena Primary

Excitement is building in the Menominee Indian School District as members of the Design Team prepare for the district's first Parent Power Workshop. The Design Team consists of faculty and staff from all three of the district's schools. The team's mission is to strengthen school, parent, and community relations as well as to improve scholastic success for the students.

In response to this, mission members of the Design Team have trained extensively with Dr. Lawrence Mazin. Mazin along with his colleague Sherry Ferguson co-wrote the book Parent Power. This book presents a guide that will help parents

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## Gover Reviews Budget Requests

By Sue Major Holmes  
Associated Press Writer

It's been said the past is prologue, and that's part of the reason the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs is seeking additional millions of dollars.

The BIA says it need more money to repair its deteriorating schools and to add police officers to patrol the remote territories covered by many reservations.

The agency also wants more money to deal with its responsibility for \$3 billion in Indian trust funds.

Overall, the agency wants \$1.9 billion in fiscal year 2000, an increase of \$155.6 million above 1999.

BIA Director Kevin Gover said Monday his priorities have been partially determined by what wasn't accomplished in the past.

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of years but for decades," Gover said in a telephone news conference about the BIA's budget requests. "When we inherit problems, the responsibility falls to all of us to follow them."

Indian schools are crumbling, and tribal communities do not have the ability to float bond money to fix them like other communities do. The BIA, which runs 180 schools handling 53,000 children, estimates it faces a \$1 billion backlog in repairs and replacement.

"It's hard to understand, frankly, why one of the school systems for which the US government is directly responsible should find itself lacking safe and decent facilities for the kids," Gover said.

Some schools are so old they have lead contamination from paint used decades ago, and dangerous PCBs in their electrical systems have never been replaced, he said. Many are so small, most students go to class in portable buildings. The BIA is proposing Congress appropriate \$30 million for a principle fund that would support \$70 million to \$75 million in zero-interest tribal school bonds. Investors would receive tax credits for the life of the bonds in lieu of interest.

"This is an unusual form of bonds," Gover acknowledged. "Its appeal to the investment community has yet to be seen." Legislation would have to authorize the new concept, he said.

The agency wants to tackle \$400 million in tribal school needs in the next two years, and is putting together a plan to show how that could be done, he said. Once tribal bonds have been issued under the initial program, "there's no guarantee the remaining (work) will be supported by federal appropriations," Gover said. "Our schools tend to be in the poorest communities in the country," he said. "It's unlikely the tribes will be able to repay these bonds in the absence of federal help."

Another priority: law enforcement. Violent crime on reservations is up, but federal officials concluded last year that Indian Country has a crisis in law enforcement. The BIA wants a \$20 million hike that would go largely for about 70 new officers but also would increase criminal investigators and jail guards. Some \$5 million would go for new radio systems. Even with new money, Indian law enforcement still would fall short of other law enforcement agencies, Gover said.

The bureau also wants a 10 percent increase for trust fund responsibilities, including money for computer system improvements, Gover said. "We've made it clear our top priority is Indian affairs reform and revamping of the entire gamut of trust responsibilities," he said. A 13-point plan approved by various federal agencies would overhaul all trust operations within the Interior Department, he said.

Indians have sued the government over its admitted mismanagement of the funds, which include

300,000 accounts held by individual Indians worth \$500 million and 2,000 tribal accounts. "These problems have been lingering for a long time," Gover said. "The existence of the lawsuit, I think, has deepened the motivation of everybody here to get this matter resolved." On the other hand, he said, answering requests for information associated with the litigation tends to draw people away from day-to-day trust responsibilities.

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donations and my wife decided it was a good idea," said Corn. His wife, Pat, said the college gives the area people a good direction. "We wanted to help better educate our people, to give them a better chance, and to know that there is something out there," she said.

"The company, the management, and the owners (of Retail Lumber & Supply) feel it's a privilege to be involved with the Menominee College and to help in any way we can in advancing the causes," Zillman said. "The donation was given without any strings. They use the money to their best interest here at the college. They had asked for a donation and we were happy to do that."

Donations mean sustainability for the college, said Dr. Verna Fowler, president of CMN. "We're hitting up corporate donors and individuals to feed our endowment fund so that this college will be here forever if we get it off on the right financial footing," Fowler said. "It's just like a business - getting it strong financially so that we can afford to offer the programs and scholarships for students."

She explained during the reception how the former Tribal Chairman Miller entrusted her to create a college on the Menominee Reservation. "Menominee students were so often going off to mainstream colleges and just not making it. We needed to do something about that ... (Miller) has left us with a tribe that is strong, with a future full of hope, full of promise. This is a good night to honor Glen, a good night to admire the handicraft of the Menominee people," said Fowler.

Miller's shared vision was that the college be built by Menominee people with Menominee hearts and Menominee hands. "This is not the end," said Fowler. "We can take great pride in this college, and we haven't even scratched the surface. The staff, faculty, and students have fashioned a marvelous college. There will come a time when people will drive by here and see a huge institution."

A 50' by 70' log building is scheduled for construction at the Keshena campus this summer, to house the college's Menominee Culture Institute. CMN received full accreditation as a degree granting institution of higher education in August of 1998. CMN also offers classes at their Stockbridge-Munsee and Potawatomi sites.

Contractors recognized at the reception were: J-CAP Construction, Corn's Electric, Oneida Construction Enterprise, S&T Plumbing, Tom Hogan Painting, Control Group, Inc., K&M Woodcrafting, Menominee Tribal Enterprise (for donation of material), and the Menominee Community Development Department.

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in Appleton. Mr. Hoffman noted that the drawing will be held at the end of February or early March.

Individuals who reside outside our area may call the National Bone Marrow registry at 1-800-627-7692 to find out where the nearest facility is in their area to be tested as a potential donor for Stenglein. The initial testing is a simple process that takes less than a half hour.

Ms. Stenglein was diagnosed with acute Myelogenous Leukemia that if untreated will mean a 0-5% chance for survival. She is back at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee. Upon her admission on January 24, stemcells were collected throughout the week every 2-3 hours. She then underwent a stemcell transplant on Saturday, January 30 according to her mother, Paulette Vigue.

In a recent phone conversation with Teri, she pointed out that she has no immune system right now and that she will be in isolation for the next 10 days. The stemcell transplant was done to prolong her life until she receives a bone marrow transplant and may last a month or 20 years. Either way Teri is in dire need of finding a bone marrow match. Teri said she had chemotherapy a couple days ago and that the chemo will take at least 21 days to kick in. She will be hospitalized throughout the month of February, she added.

Teri is of Menominee/German descent. A match is more likely with another Native American, although an ideal candidate would be a Menominee/German individual.

## WORKSHOP:

improve their children's education.

Mazin has trained members of the team in facilitating the program outlined in his and Ferguson's book. The training the team received is being used to develop the district's first Parent Power Workshop.

The workshop will be held on February 20, 1999 from 8:15-11:30 at the Menominee High School. The days' activities begin with registration and coffee followed by a Menominee welcome that will include traditional prayer and smudging. After the welcome, which will involve Menominee high school students, Mark Caskey, the keynote speaker, will address the participants. Caskey is a registered nurse and a staff member at the Tribal Clinic.

Following the keynote address the participants will attend two workshop sessions of their choice. This will take place from 9:15-11:30 with a short break at 10:15 between session 1 and 2. The day will end with lunch at 11:30. At this time closing ceremonies will be held which include the drawing of door prizes and a final word from Caskey.

The Design Team encourages all parents to participate in this informative workshop because you are the most important people in your children's lives.

For more information or to register call Linda Bangert at 799-5509.